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Agawam Students Attend Presidential Classroom



left to right: Lisa-Ann Mercadante, from Agawam; Congressman Silvio Conte; Ann Reardon of Huntington Mass.; and Tina Gravel, of Agawam.

EDITORS NOTE:

Selected as Agawam High School's delegates, seniors Tina Gravel, Lisa-Ann Mercadante, Nina Contrino and Mark Paleologopolous, spent a week at the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. Tina and Lisa-Ann participated in Class I which occurred from January 21-28. Nina and Mark participated in Class II, January 28-February 4.

Being chosen as Agawam's representative to Presidential Classroom was the most significant thing that has happened to me during my high school career. It was, to say the least, a unique and incredible experience. Diagraming all the activities and all I gained from the program would be impossible, there is just so much to tell. However, I will try to share some of my experiences at the Capitol with you.

Presidential Classroom was designed to provide high school students with a better understanding of the United States' government. This year students from all fifty states and over seven foreign countries participated in the six-week program.

With Washington, D.C. serving as classroom and seminars led by government officials and people with clout, a diverse learning situation was initiated. Imagine being taught functions of the Supreme Court by the Honorable Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall or learning the roll of ambassadors by Kenya's Ambassador to the United States, John Peter Mbogua. Assistant Secretary

of State for European Affairs, George Vest, discussed foreign policies, General Bernard Rogers, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, instructed us on the role of the military. Candid investigative reporter for NBC News, James Polk, offered a non-official view of our system.

Of the eleven remaining seminars, my favorite was held at the Central Intelligence Agency. On what seemed to be an extremely eerie Tuesday night we entered the gates of the CIA building. We were greeted at the door by many guards, accosted and told to abandon our cameras, note pads and tape recorders before we entered. The auditorium looked like a room straight from the set of a James Bond movie; huge white circles adorned the dome-shaped ceiling. As we shuffled to our seats one of the guards locked all of the doors leading to the rest of the building (lest we sneak out and discover clandestine information!) The seminar was conducted by Senior Briefing Officer, Paul Chretien, who spoke of recently publicized CIA escapades and the agency's history. We were shown a film on a thirty foot screen which miraculously rose from center stage.

Capitol Hill was location for Tuesday and Thursday's activities. That was, perhaps, where I caught Potomac Fever (a feeling you get on a visit to the Capitol - a silent urging to stay; the late Hubert Humphrey himself caught the famed disease!) Presidential Classroom's

Massachusetts delegates had the opportunity to meet with the Massachusetts Senators and Congressmen. We met with Congressman Conte and Senator Brooke. Senator Kennedy was busy in Committee hearings and unable to meet with us.

Our week was not all work, however, as our evening activities included seeing a play, "First Monday in October" starring Henry Fonda, at Kennedy Center. Rounding out the week was our Graduation Ceremony on Friday. There we received "diplomas" that formally stated we had successfully completed the program. Finally as all visitors to Washington, we were "allowed" to become tourists. Jefferson, Washington and Lincoln Memorials and Arlington Cemetery were part of Sunday's Religious Significance Tour. Highlight of the tour was a trip to an internationally built Mosque. All of the valuables in the Mosque were gifts from Moslem countries. The outside of the building was made of quartz and turquoise. Inside a beautiful Persian rug accented walls decorated with six-foot high mosaic designs.

I was extremely fortunate to have the privilege of seeing Washington and reveling in all of our government's workings. The Presidential Classroom, an extreme learning experience, afforded an intricate view of our government and a chance to make lasting friendships with people from varied backgrounds and geographical areas. It was a trip I shall never forget.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with this issue the AGAWAM Advertiser/News is pleased to announce that we will be a weekly newspaper. This has been our goal from the first and the only question has been one of time. The response to our efforts has been great. We have been well received and convinced that a weekly effort is necessary to adequately report town news.

We are young and still experimenting with our format and types of coverage. We plan to rely heavily on photos to tell the story. We have some excellent photographers available to us and will present a very visual weekly effort. However, we will accept clean black and white photos from the public for publication. We will accept photos for marriage intentions, sports, etc. We will return only those photos with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

We would like more volunteer writers to cover the sporting news. We believe that Agawam is avidly interested in sports and intend to broaden our coverage. The younger sports have as much right to publication as the older, but we do need public participation. . . perhaps a coach, a mom or dad.

We don't even mind a little biasedness to come through as long as the kids names are spelled correctly and it's not overdone.

Feature articles will also be accepted and by-lines given. Naturally we reserve all rights to rewrite or reject matter submitted. For additional information, please call us at 786-7747.

Copy and advertising deadlines will be Thursday, 5 P.M. the week before publication. The paper will be delivered every Tuesday. Where hand delivery is a problem, we will offer mailing subscriptions for a \$5.00 yearly fee to cover postage cost.

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A.H.S. Band Pops Concert "Just Beautiful!"

by Larry & Marla Kublin



Darcy Davis, conductor, and members of the Agawam High Band are shown during a recent Pops Concert presented by the band.

Photo by Jack Devine

If "Music is the universal language of mankind" according to Longfellow—then the proof of this quotation was surely in evidence Saturday evening, February 11, when the Agawam High School Band, under the direction of Darcy Davis, Director of Music; David Baldock, Jr. High School Band Director and Caren Ouelette, student conductor, performed it's annual Pops Concert.

From the opening selection, "Burst of Stars" by Ronald Thielman, the overall excellence of the band was most apparent. A true sense of communication between the performers and the audience coupled with the diversified selection of music and friendly atmosphere of the "cabaret seating" enabled all to have a most enjoyable evening.

Throughout the program, various sections of the band were featured, further demonstrating the technical proficiency of the band's sections, namely, trumpets, flutes, reeds, tubas. Soloists Paul Sibelia, alto sax and clarinet; Nelson Martel, tenor sax; and Mark Rolland, baritone horn performed to the highest standards of proficiency and were warmly applauded for their outstanding musicianship.

Of particular noteworthiness were the selections of "Forty Fathoms", featuring Dean Johnson, Mark Olson, Robert Taupier, and Jean-Paul Wood on the tubas and "Five Mellow Winds", a Glenn Miller sounding arrangement by David Schank, featuring Paul Sibelia, Mark George, Doug Stoll, Nelson Martel, and James Duda on reeds.

The Jazz Band was obviously enjoyed by the performers, expressing their free spirit while maintaining the complexities of rhythm and range befitting the style of the music, and was extremely well received by the near capacity audience. Various styles, from the Big Band Sound of the 40's to the contemporary polytonality of the 70's demonstrated once again the diversity and excellence of musicianship of the group.

Agawam is indeed fortunate in having such outstanding student musicians, many of whom are studying privately. Undoubtedly, the Agawam Schools Music Department is worthy of ever-increasing and continued support by the entire community.

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Mass. Preschool Children in Traffic Safety Program

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau in cooperation with the Mass. Division of the American Automobile Assoc. today launched a new traffic safety program for the protection of preschool children. In a statement announcing the program, Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said: "This is the first of its kind child safety program to be conducted on a statewide scale. We are highly pleased it is being done here in Massachusetts. It is designed to help reduce pedestrian accidents among children under six years of age."

Called the Massachusetts PRESCHOOL CHILDREN IN TRAFFIC Safety Program, it is aimed primarily at parents, as well as others who can instruct young children. It provides, free of charge, teaching materials to train children to develop safer habits.

Gov. Dukakis pointed out that children under age six are by far the most common victims of pedestrian accidents. "This age group faces tremendous odds," he said.

"They are involved in 23% of all pedestrian accidents but represent only 9% of the population. The ability of very young children to perceive dangers and act accordingly is not fully developed, so every traffic encounter carries a high risk."

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN IN TRAFFIC is a unique program developed by the American Automobile Assoc.

which has a long history of leadership in traffic safety," the Governor said. "I am pleased to endorse this program as a practical approach to reducing pedestrian accidents among children under age six."

John J. Quigley, General Manager of Mass. Division AAA said: "Our new program enables young children to learn-by-doing under adult supervision using the especially prepared teaching materials. This replaces the old and dangerous trial and error method through which youngsters were left pretty much on their own to find out about traffic hazards."

"The teaching program consists of an attractively

packaged set of five booklets. One is **Parents' Guide for Action**, which explains why and how the entire teaching effort should be undertaken. The other four booklets are designed for parents to use with children. The series includes simple language and drawings to illustrate the dangers and characteristics of streets and traffic. The books are to be used progressively. As children learn the lessons of one, they move on to the next."

Quigley explained that the learning goes both ways. "Preschoolers are taught to deal with traffic to the extent their capabilities allow," he said. "Parents, grandparents teachers, older brothers and

sisters are taught to understand the reasons children have difficulty when dealing with traffic."

"At the same time, adults are reminded of the fact that teaching must not be a 'Don't do as I do, do as I say' proposition and that they must make a conscious effort to wait for lights, cross at the crosswalks, and generally obey all pedestrian safety rules. This semi-voluntary correction of bad habits inevitably improves the adult's traffic behavior."

"The program is primarily aimed at parents, but it has been designed to be used in nursery schools, kindergartens, and child care centers as well."



photo by Jack Devine

Mrs. Barbara Skolnik, Principal of Robinson School receives "Preschool Children in Traffic" literature from Safety Officer, Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski. The pre-packaged safety program initiated by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau is being distributed to Nursery School, Kindergarten and First Grade students throughout Agawam. The program is designed for classroom instruction reinforced by parental instruction.

Industrial Arts Students Compete In State Fair

by Dan Maruszczak, Jr.

For the fifteenth straight year, the Agawam Junior High Industrial Arts classes will be competing in a statewide fair which is to take place this May. The fair, the State Industrial Arts Fair, is sponsored by the Massachusetts Industrial Education Society. About thirty communities in Massachusetts will be competing for prizes in group categories as well as individual projects.

The fair, which will be held in Chicopee this year, should be very interesting for the Junior High since each year that the school has competed, they have either won an award in either the group or individual class.

The Massachusetts Industrial Education Fair has been in existence since 1961, while Agawam Industrial Arts Division began entering in 1963.

Awards are based on originality, complexity of design, and precision of mass production.

About 25 students will be selected from the 8th grade class, which will be under the direction of Mr. James Graveline. Mr. Graveline led the school to first prize honors at the fair last year with fly-tying projects.

Mr. Thomas Collins, Chairman of the Industrial Arts in Agawam added, "the students have always done well in this school in state competition", referring to the awards the school has won.

The school's Metal Shop under the supervision of Mr. John Burns, and the Wood Shop, under the direction of Mr. Charles Heyl, will each contribute projects in the individual class.

Lung Association Makes Available Nonsmoker's Restaurant Guide

The Western Massachusetts Lung Association is releasing another edition of nonsmokers' restaurant guide. This is the third printing of the guide which includes over 100 restaurants in the Commonwealth providing nonsmoking sections.

Donald F. Walker, President of the Western Massachusetts Lung Association, stated that "over 34 million Americans are sensitive to cigarette smoke". He further stressed that many individuals are concerned about the health effects of carbon monoxide and other toxic substances found in "second hand" smoke, smoke inhaled by nonsmokers, and he added "millions simply do not like the smell of tobacco smoke".

The Nonsmokers' Restaurant Guide is divided by towns and has information on hours, prices and the types of cuisine for each restaurant. To receive a free copy from the "Christmas Seal People" contact the Western Massachusetts Lung Association at 393 Maple St., Springfield 01105.

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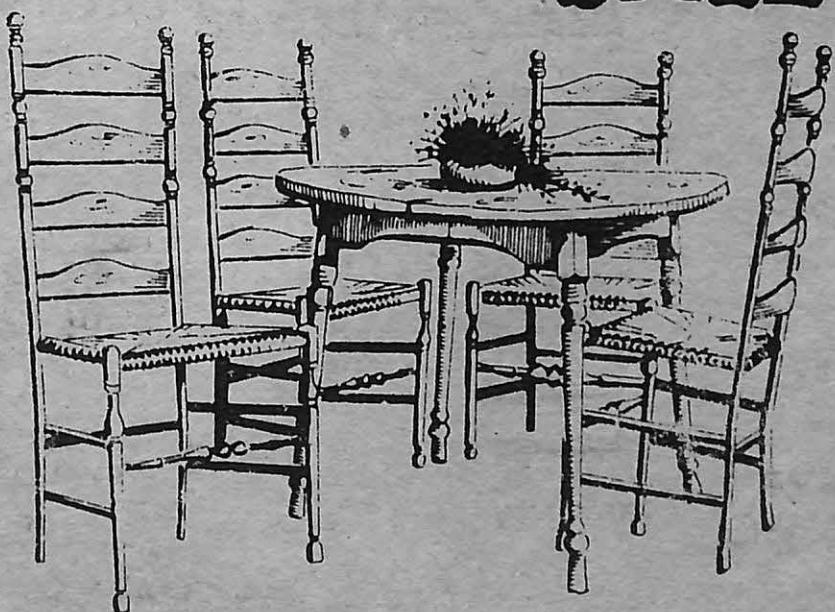
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Considered the highlight of special winter activities, the location for each program will change every day. There will be sledding at Paucatuck Park, ice skating, cross

country skiing, an all-water Carnival, plus a trip to the Boston Science Museum. The children will be returned to the Y each day to see a movie, have snacks and participate in gym and swim activities.

The vacation program is offered to children ages 6-12 and is open to both members and non-members.

For further information, contact Peter Hontis at the Springfield YMCA by calling 739-6951.

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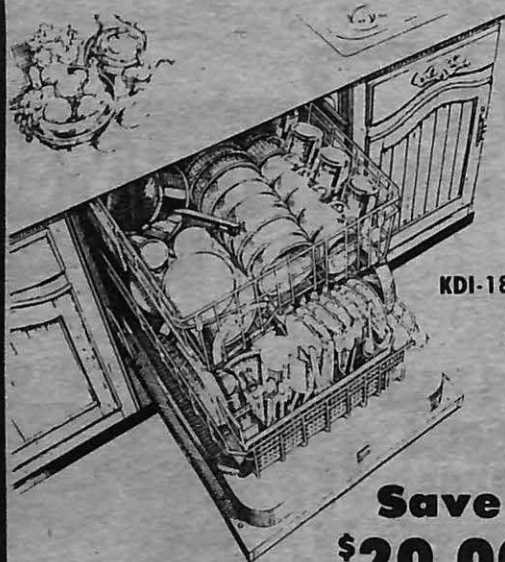
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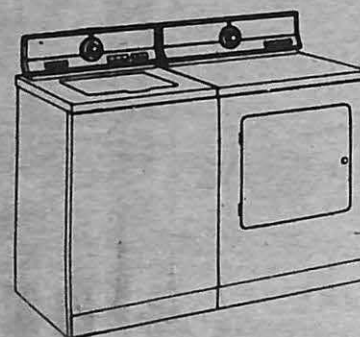
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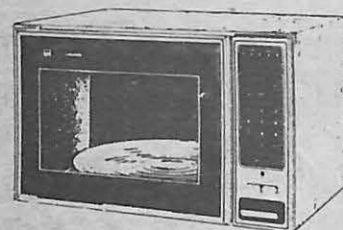
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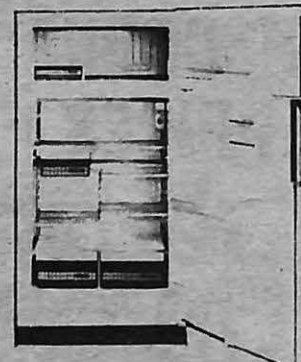
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Making plans for Agawam-West Springfield Nocturnal Adoration Society's 15th Anniversary are (from left) Dick Rieher, member of Executive Board, Louie Gallerini, president of the local chapter and William Sullivan, member of Executive Board, all of Agawam.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Celebrates Anniversary

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will celebrate their 15th Anniversary on Sunday, March 5, 1978. To honor this occasion, the Anniversary Committee of this chapter will hold two events on March 5, at 10:00 A.M. Chancel 22 will telecast the Chalice Mass of Salvation to be sponsored by this society. The celebrants of this Mass will be Rev. Hector C. Lemieux, S.S.S. Lemieux is also Homilist and National Director of Nocturnal Adoration in the United States. He will be assisted by Fr. Cyril Scheinberg, C.P. director of radio and television for Springfield Diocese. Lecturers will be Richard Smuz and William Sullivan.

The first event after the Mass will be a discussion on Nocturnal Adoration led by Fr. Cyril Schweinberg, C.P. Participating in the talk will be Rev. Hector C. Lemieux, S.S.S., Louis Gallerani, president of local chapter, and Raymond Lusignan, president of Pittsfield chapter.

The second event of honor in the day will be a banquet and dance at 7:00 P.M., at St. Thomas Parish Hall in West Springfield. The banquet and dance are open not only to members, their wives and friends, but also to the public. His Excellency Bishop Joseph F. Maguire, Bishop of Springfield Diocese will be guest speaker.

In attendance will be the Pastors and Priests of St. Anthony of Padua Church, St. Theresa Church, Sacred Heart Church, St. John's Church of Agawam and St. Thomas Church of West Springfield. These are the five churches in which the Nocturnal Adoration Societies meet on the first Friday of every month, in rotation.

Those on the 15th Anniversary Committee are Richard Rieker, General Chairman, St. John's Church; Louis Gallerani, Society president, St. Anthony's Church; George Boucher and Thomas Murray, co-chairmen and in charge of tickets from Sacred Heart Church; and Paul V. Ferrarini, publicity from St. Anthony's Church.

Tickets are \$9.00 per person. For tickets call George Boucher, 786-6217 or Thomas Murray, 786-3208. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets sold after February 26.

Richard Reiker and Philip Arnold, founders of the local chapter, with help from others, are still very active. The society first started with the four Agawam churches: St. Anthony, St. Teresa, Sacred Heart and St. John's. Fr. Shannon was director. Later St. Thomas of West Springfield joined the society with Fr. Charles Gonet as director.

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Scout Sunday Celebrated

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Over 100 people attended the banquet which was prepared by the Women's Auxiliary of the troop headed by Paula Antico, President.

Several awards were presented to the various Scouts and members of Explorer Post 77. Many scouting dignitaries from the region were present, including: Eugene Pike, Moses Scout Camp Ranger; Mr. Robert Rzewnicki Knox Trail District Commissioner and Mrs. Rzewnicki; Fr. Bob Choquette, Scout Chaplin; Mr. Robert Andry, Cub Master of Pack 77 and Mrs. Andry.

Scout Master for the troop is Dick Atkinson, assisted by David Raiche, Dick Breton, Ralph King, and Bruno Antico.



Photo by Jack Devine

Award Recipients at the recent Scout Sunday Banquet are from left to right: [1st row kneeling], Anthony Antico, Doug Allen, Michael Kublik, Chris Albano. [2nd row], Juan Kublik, Guy Jeding, Billy Landry, Andrew Paul, Matthew DuPont. [3rd row], Eric King, Jim Breton, Bruno Antico. [4th row], Paul Bulboni, David Atkinson, Tom Merchant and Gerry MacFadden.

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Scouter's Training Award presented to David Rarche by Bob Rzewnicki.



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Phil Raiche, past Scoutmaster of Troop 77 presents Eagle Scout Award, scouting's highest honor, to David Paul. With them are David's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paul.

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Business Profile:

Mitch's Nursery

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Mitch's Nursery Home and Garden Center is a new business in Agawam which is owned and operated by two brothers, Steve, age 21, and Richard "Mitch" Micclotta, age 23. The Nursery opened in September 1977 and is housed in a beautiful building (see photo) built by Cicco

In 1971 the family moved to East Longmeadow where the brothers attended school and graduated. Soon after graduation, the brothers began a small landscaping business with a truck and pushmower. While running the small business on the side, Richard attended Stockbridge School

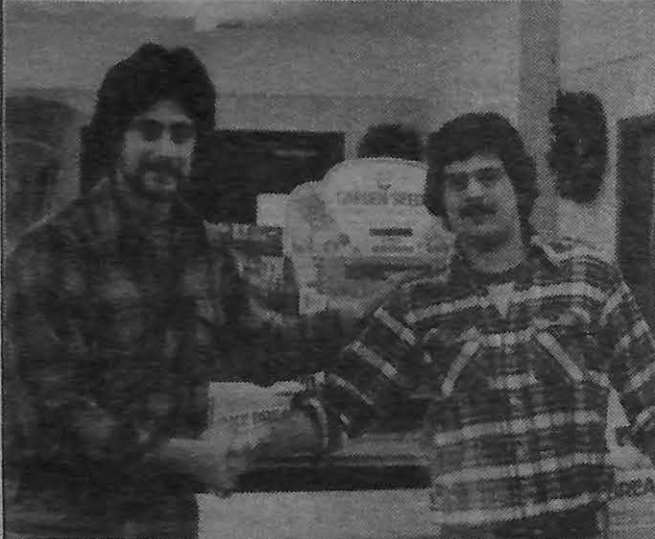


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[l. to r.] Richard "Mitch" and brother Steve Micclotta, co-owners of Mitch's Nursery.

Construction Co. of Springfield. The building was designed by Rinehart while the grounds and greenhouse proper were designed by Richard Micclotta. The building and grounds cover 16 acres in Agawam's fertile south side, one mile South of the Bit Y Shopping Center.

Although Steve and Richard are young men, and both are bachelors, their combined experience in their chosen field goes back a combined total of fourteen years. At the age of 16, in Elmore, N.Y., Richard worked for a contractor in the landscaping department. Learning the fundamentals, Richard soon helped to design and build a 27 hole golf course. Richard's last year in N.Y. was spent operating a nine hole golf course, taking complete charge of all phases of groundskeeping and operation.

of Agriculture and received his degree. All this time Richard was employed by either Hampden Country Club in Hampden, Mass. or Longmeadow Country Club or his own small business now called "Mitch's Landscaping Specialists".

Steve was in the process of finishing High School and working in the landscaping business. Steve is currently finishing the School of Business Administration at Bryant College, R.I. The brothers plan to help one another in all phases of their enterprise, with Steve acting as Business Manager and Richard more specialized in all phases of plant maintenance.

Their latest endeavor is a culmination of the hard work and efforts they have put forth. Mitch's Nursery is designed to be a "one stop"

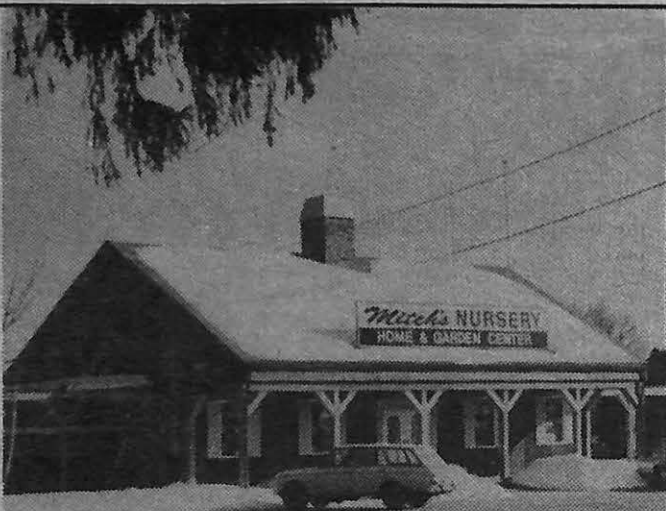


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Mitch's Nursery... a beautiful building.

Nursery and Garden Center. Operating both wholesale and retail, the brothers will handle everything from fertilizer seed to garden tools, from introducing their own specially bred native grown stock to nursing an ailing plant back to health. The fully stocked greenhouse offers a full line of foliage and flowering houseplants. The brothers plan to be able to assist the professional landscaper as well as the average housewife with her greenthumb.

Doctoring ailing plants will be handled by Diane Cerney, an avid plant enthusiast who has managed several plant shops in Seattle, Washington and this area. (see photo) Diane offers not only her practical knowledge but pro-

mises to find the answer to plant problems through one of the County Horticultural Agents in the area.

The Micclotta brothers seem to have put it all together. Mitch's Nursery is well thought out and reflects well on the work and efforts of both. We are pleased to have them for neighbors in the community and wish them every success.

Business Profile will be a regular feature of this paper and is intended to be a personal and/or business glimpse into business or industry in this area. Inquiries are invited by mail only. Please address questions to AGAWAM Advertiser/News, P.O. Box 233, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001.



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[l. to r.] Richard and Steve Micclotta with Diane Cerney, plant doctor.

CITIZENS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT ELECT OFFICERS

The election of officers for the Citizens for Good Government was held recently at the American Legion Home on Springfield St. in Agawam. The new officers are as follows: President, Joe Tortoriello; Vice Pres., Rosemary Sandlin; Treasurer, Adele Stevens; Secretary, Anita Davilli.

JR. WOMEN'S CLUB

Dr. Herbert Gilmore, a pediatric resident at Baystate Medical Center, and Dr. Buddy Denison, a local dentist, will be guest speakers at the Feb. 21st meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. The topic for the evening will be preventive medicine. The meeting will be held at the Captain Leonard House at 8 PM and all Agawam women age 18 and over are cordially invited to attend.

Davilli

on Dean's List

Martin P. Davilli, son of Mr. & Mrs. F. Davilli, 229 North St., Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. He is a Junior majoring in Biology and hopes to enter the field of Optometry. Martin is a graduate of Agawam High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He also played for the Agawam High School Baseball Team and was Co-Capt. of the High School Soccer Team.

Noble Hospital Again Delegated by P.S.R.O.

Noble Hospital, located in Westfield, Massachusetts has recently been redelegated by the Western Massachusetts PSRO to conduct Utilization Review and Quality Assurance programs which monitor the medical necessity and quality of hospital services provided to all Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Hospitals which meet and maintain PSRO required standards of performance may be delegated to conduct review within their facility. The PSRO continuously monitors each delegated hospital through on-site visits and review of statistical information gathered during the review process. The evaluation of Noble Hospital's review performance for the past year resulted in a full twelve month re-delegation.

The UR Coordinators at Noble Hospital, Mrs. Janet Ledoux and Mrs. Lois Sames, screen each Medicare/Medicaid admission within one working day and periodically throughout the patient's hospital confinement using medical criteria developed by Western Massachusetts

physicians. A Physician Advisor at the hospital reviews all cases in which an admission or continued hospital stay does not appear necessary.

If it is determined that a patient's condition does not require inpatient hospital services, or that hospital services provided to a patient are not covered under the Medicare or Medicaid programs, reimbursement for hospital care may be terminated. If the patient or his/her physician does not agree with the decision to terminate benefits they may request a re-consideration.

Noble's Quality Assurance program is conducted by Mr. John J. Danahey, Director of Patient Services with the assistance of Patricia Henchey, A.R.T., Assistant Director of Medical Records. A series of retrospective in-depth assessments of the quality of the delivery and organization of the hospital's health care services is made each year. These studies are designed to assure that services provided are appropriate to the patient's needs, are of optimal quality and are provided in a timely manner.

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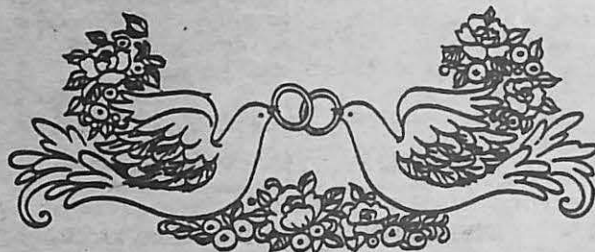
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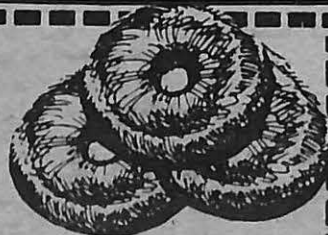
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Editorials



"There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey. It is unwise to pay too much, but it is worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money - that is all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought is incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot. . . IT CAN'T BE DONE."

Anonymous

Have you ever gotten a "bargain" that later turned out to be not such a bargain? It seems that we all have. It's part of growing up. In an effort to stretch our hard earned income we sometimes become confused as to what actually constitutes a bargain.

For instance, how many of us have driven to New Hampshire to "Save" money on booze? How many of us have gone to our local pharmacist and failed to buy an item because we could "Save" ten or twenty cents in a big discount chain in Springfield? How many buy their appliances in a gigantic department store and "save" forty dollars?

Very often, as one grows older, we discover that these savings are false economy. The money you save on booze is spent on gas and time. The money you save at the huge discount store. . . well, how does saving a few cents offset the security of a local pharmacist who is willing to get up at four in the morning in bitter cold to prepare a prescription for your sick child.

And how much money have you saved on any item that you can't get service on when something inevitably goes wrong? The examples go on and on. . . but the point is simply this: pay the extra few pennies or dollars and cultivate the friendship of your local dealer. If prices are high, it's probably not his fault. The few merchants that actually "gouge" the public with unreasonable mark-ups won't be around too long anyway. If the merchant sells too high or too low, the economic system will exact its price.

Meanwhile, you are getting a community where the merchants are stable and the local economy is sound. Jobs are protected. Business taxes are paid. You buy good merchandise at a reasonable price and, most importantly, you have the security of knowing that your neighbor stands behind the product you have bought. Saving a few dollars at point of purchase isn't always a bargain.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Congratulations to Representative Edward W. Connelly of Agawam for voting on 95 percent of the roll calls we had in the 1977 session of the House of Representatives.

This is a continuation of an excellent attendance record over the years. The outstanding record was particularly noteworthy and important

during the session when you consider it was the longest legislative year in the country.

You are indeed fortunate to have this kind of representation from your district in the state legislature.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Hatch, Jr.

It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the Supreme Court is a man after my own heart. Openly critical of the legal system, he has been just vicious with his comments on a percentage of the American Bar Association. I won't get into the remarks. . . priceless as they are, but I would like to relate a short story about the Chief Justice: It seems that the Shah of Iran was in the U.S.A. and wanted to meet Chief Justice Warren. The appointment was set up promptly and the meeting went something like this: "Mr. Chief Justice, I would like your recommendations as to the best legal minds available to bring back to my country to establish the best possible legal system. Who would you recommend?" Chief Justice Warren responded, "Your motives are very praiseworthy sir, but first let me ask you what kind of a system do you now have so I can best advise you?" The Shah explained that whenever there was a problem, the parties were brought to the Village Elders where they told them what has happened. The Village Elders heard the explanation conferred with one another for about five minutes and then ordered the guilty party to make good. Or perhaps cut off his arm or put out his eye or whatever the offense seemed to warrant. The Chief Justice thought for a moment and said: "Why don't we see if we can get a few of your Tribal Elders to come over here to instruct us. Your system sounds better than the one that we have."

Beginning with this issue, the Advertiser/News will be a weekly newspaper. Some pundits have suggested the word "Weakly" is more apt. Time will tell.

My wife and I are still having the age old "discussion". I claim to be self-employed while she claims that I am unemployed. I have to admit, the forty hour work week with regular paychecks has become a little more appealing recently.

The Connelly Report

I have often heard an expression to wit: "The road to hell is paved with good intention," and so it was on Monday last when we arrived in Boston to do the business of the Commonwealth.

At 10:30 A.M. we opened a hearing of House, Ways and Means Committee to receive testimony concerning various items contained in a Deficiency Budget message submitted by the Governor. At 4 P.M., when the hearing ended, most of New England was being battered by the Blizzard of '78.

One of the last persons to testify, Public Works Commissioner John Carroll, had submitted a request for four and a half million dollars for contract plowing, salt and maintenance. Twenty-seven inches of snow, hurricane force winds and coastal flooding will undoubtedly create a need for much more. The legislature has approved five and a half million dollars in this budget and it appears an additional six million dollars will be required in a supplemental request. We also included four million dollars, required by law to pay for the services of the Massachusetts National Guard who were called into the battered Boston and coastal areas.

After four days of confinement in Boston with its unbelievable snow paralysis, two major power outages and a dwindling food supply, it was great to "escape" to the "Golden West" as we are all known living West of Worcester.

Rep. Edward W. Connelly
565 Pine River Road
Agawam, Mass. 01001

After One Week

an interview with Peter Caputo by Pat Guevin



[l. to r.] Edward Caba, Town Clerk; Mr. Caputo; Romeo Borgatti, Chief of Police; and Harry Schneider, Fire Chief.

Photo by Jack Devine

After only one week at the helm Peter Caputo, Agawam's new Town Manager, has made great strides in putting his house in order. He stated that he has "put out the order that the chain of command is in effect and will be adhered to".

His impressions of the town government and its interim management have been very favorable. Mr. Caputo credited people like Mr. Caba and Mr. Dave Gallano with being "professional men who have done a good job of holding things together. The town is fortunate in having men of this calibre".

A Town Manager's job is enormous in its scope and time is a most precious commodity. Mr. Caputo stated that having the opportunity for what he termed "think" time is a big problem.

In order to make more efficient use of his, the directors, and councilors time, Mr. Caputo has put himself on a work schedule. From 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. daily, there will be open access to the Town Manager; from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. daily, Mr. Caputo will concentrate on his administrative duties, and from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., there will again be open access to the Town Manager. Barring emergencies, it is felt that this type of schedule will allow for maximum productivity. Appointments may also be made in the event of conflict with this schedule.

With twenty-two years of administrative experience to rely on, Mr. Caputo will initially make decisions based on that experience. He said, however, that as time goes on, his local experience will

dictate his decision making to a greater and greater extent.

The big project now before our new Town Manager is the 1978 fiscal budget. His office is now in the process of reviewing the budget and he expects no delays in meeting the budget deadline. Mr. Caputo's goal as concerns the budget, is to adopt a "zero based" budgeting system by 1979. He stated that immediately after the 1978 budget has been adopted, he will begin work on the 1979 budget, thus affording him an entire year in which to make the transition. He said that in addition to the financial budget, the zero based method will allow for complete inventories to be kept, something which is not now being done.

Also on his list of priorities for the near future is a town audit. Even though Agawam has not had an audit since 1972, he stated that the town is "in an auditable state" and that "the audit mechanism is in motion". Mr. Caputo praised the Audit Committee, consisting of Councilors Kenneth Barnes, William Herd, and Donald Laduzenski and stated that "the committee deserves recognition for the work they've already put in on it (the audit)".

A major goal for Mr. Caputo is to "broaden communications between the councilors and the Manager's office". He said that it will be his policy to inform the Council of any issue first, before making any public statements. Mr. Caputo said that it is his belief that "the Manager is a Council employee as well as a municipal employee".

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



I attended a School Committee meeting last week - my first. The big item on the agenda, though not the only one, was a request by some people to appear before the Committee on behalf of Roger LeClerc.

There apparently is much to be said for both sides - I'm not qualified to judge either, nor do I wish to. Mr. LeClerc has a lot of people supporting him, yet the School Committee remains firm in its decision and probably has a lot of people supporting it.

As I said, I'm not prepared to form an opinion on that particular subject. What I am prepared to do is comment on what I consider to be a lack of awareness on the part of many people concerning the operation of such governing bodies as the School Committee.

Many people went to the trouble of attending the meeting - for whatever reason - but most left verbally expressing dissatisfaction with the outcome.

As I understand it, what transpired at that meeting was about all that could have been expected. Someone mentioned to me that if those people who wanted to voice an opinion on the LeClerc episode had requested an "open hearing", then anyone and everyone who wished to speak would have been heard.

I am exploring the possibility of having a series of articles in this paper explaining the various rules which regulate the proceedings of the various committees in our town government. If a citizen has an issue to bring before a particular committee, he (or she) should be aware of the process which must be gone through to effectively reach the group concerned.

In this vein, I would like to invite the members of our Town government to inform the people through this newspaper, of the workings of the various committees which are active in our town. You would be doing a great service to the community, and I am sure many people will appreciate your efforts.

Apologies, Apologies

The Editor of this paper would like to apologize to the photographers and writers who contributed to the last issue, but were not given photo credits or by-lines. The picture of Mr. Caputo on the front page was taken by James Martone; the Adult Ed photos were done by Joe "Flash" Dolan; the pictures on pgs. 2,9, and 12 were taken by Jack Devine; and the pictures on pgs. 4,7, and 14 were done by Brad Alheim.

Steve Berard, one of our young journalists from the Jr. High was responsible for the article on the Pinewood Der-

by and collaborated with our other Jr. High writer Dan Maruszczak, Jr. on the story of the Jr. High girls basketball team. Dan also wrote articles entitled "Injuries Cripple Agawam Boys Basketball" and "Springfield International Tennis Classic". In our haste, their names were inadvertently omitted. This gives me a chance, however, to thank them for their dedication to the Advertiser/News. These people contribute their time and talents to help make this newspaper something we are all proud of.



photo by "Flash" Dolan

Mrs. Rita Rose calls the role at one of the recent Town Council Meetings.

For the past seventeen years, Mrs. Rita Rose has been serving the people of Agawam.

Mrs. Rose, Assistant Town Clerk and Council Clerk, works diligently to keep up with both the Town Clerk's office and the Town Council.

As Assistant Town Clerk, she maintains watch over the recording and filing of just about every document that passes thru the Town Hall. Voting lists, licenses, census information and a multitude of other data all pass under her domain.

On Monday nights you will find Mrs. Rose at the Junior High School acting as clerk for the Town Council. Taking the minutes, calling the role, or reading an article to the council, she seems always to be one step ahead of the proceedings. Her efficiency is visible as she handles the most complicated of proceedings in a very uncomplicated way.

Mrs. Rose has six children and three grandchildren and is a member of St. Theresa's Women's Guild where she serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

This Week's Young Businessman



Photo by Jack Devine

Joseph [Joe] Maruszczak, of DePalma Street, Feeding Hills, has been selected as this week's Agawam Advertiser/News "Young Businessman of the Week". Joe is one of the many carriers whose ambitious work has brought the Advertiser/News to many homes. Joe delivers a total of 91 papers over a route that consists of Poplar, DePalma, and Phil Streets. He also delivers to homes on Memorial Drive and the greater part of Garden Street. Joe is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Maruszczak, who have been residents of Agawam for eighteen years. He also has an older brother, Dan, Jr. Joe, 11, was born in Springfield and has lived in Agawam since he was born. He is presently an honor student at the Agawam Middle School in the 6th grade.

Joe lists his hobbies as collecting old baseball cards and nostalgia, along with collecting autographs of present day players. Joe's autograph collection centers around a collection of RED Sox player's signatures. He hopes to complete his team collection this season.

Joe is looking forward to this year's baseball season, where he will play in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, in which he has been a member for the past five years. Two of those five years he has been on a championship team.

The Agawam Advertiser/News salutes this young gentleman for his dedication and ambition, along with the many other carriers that make it possible for this newspaper to be delivered to the citizens of Agawam.



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AGAWAM RESIDENTS ENROLLED AT A.I.C.

Two Agawam residents have enrolled in American International College's Spring semester.

Susan M. Baj of 108 Moore St., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Baj. She is a 1977 graduate of Agawam High School and has transferred to AIC from Boston College.

Vickie P. Martin of 17 Regency Park Dr. is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Port of Hemingway South Carolina. She is a 1973 graduate of Hemingway High School and has attended Christopher Newport College and Francis Marion College.

Seniors Celebrate Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day was celebrated in grand style at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor. Over 100 senior citizens gathered together for lunch, a community sing, and a magic show.

Happy faces were the order of the day as Mr. Stephen Olivio and Mrs. Rhea Duclos led the group in a community sing featuring such favorites as "He's Got the whole World in His Hands" and at least a dozen other "oldies but goodies". A poem written by Mable Huley, now deceased, was presented by her husband and read by

Mrs. Margarete Taeger, Center Director.

A magic show presented by Dominique, of Springfield rounded off the afternoon. The magician amazed the audience with his slight-of-hand, and presented a rather impressive exercise in ESP.

Money for the entertainment was raised at the Senior Center bazaar which consisted solely of homemade articles. It was definitely a happy day at the center and much credit should be given to those who made the afternoon such a success.



photo by Jack Devine

Locating Fuel for Your Fire

Users of wood burning stoves and furnaces will have a new source of information to locate fuel for their fires. The G & S Mill, manufacturer of wood-burning furnaces for commercial and industrial use, is publishing a Waste Wood Resource Directory.

According to Paul A. Kalenian, president of the company, "recent increase in use of wood-burning stoves has increased the demand for fuel. Much scrap wood, which is a waste product of industries such as lumber mills, furniture makers and manufacturers of pre-cut homes, is used as landfill instead of as a useful source of fuel."

The G & S Mill's Waste Wood Resource Directory will provide the information for suppliers and users to locate one and other

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Companies interested in disposal of their waste wood, and wish to be listed in the directory, can write for more information the G & S Mill, Otis Street, Northborough, MA. 01532, or call (617) 393-9266.



Photo by Jack Devine
Dominique works his magic on Mrs. Taeger while Mrs. Helen Wells assists with the magic wand.



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February 21, 1978

February 24, 1978

Community Grange
Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
Grange Home
North Westfield Street

Agawam Band Parents
Shoe Sale
5:30-9:30 P.M.
Agawam High Cafeteria

February 22, 1978

February 24, 1978

Agawam Golden Agers
Meeting
1:30 P.M.
Meadowbrook Manor

Agawam Heart Fund Dance
9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.
Silver Carriage Inn
Main Street

February 23, 1978

March 3,4,10,11 & 12

Community Grange
Public Card Party
8:00 P.M. - Grange Home
North Westfield Street

Agawam Repertory Theatre
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7:30 P.M. (Mar. 12, 8:30)
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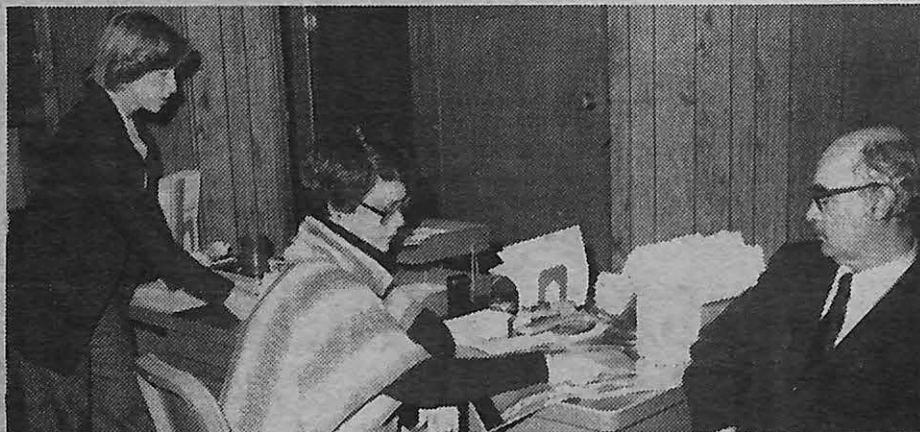
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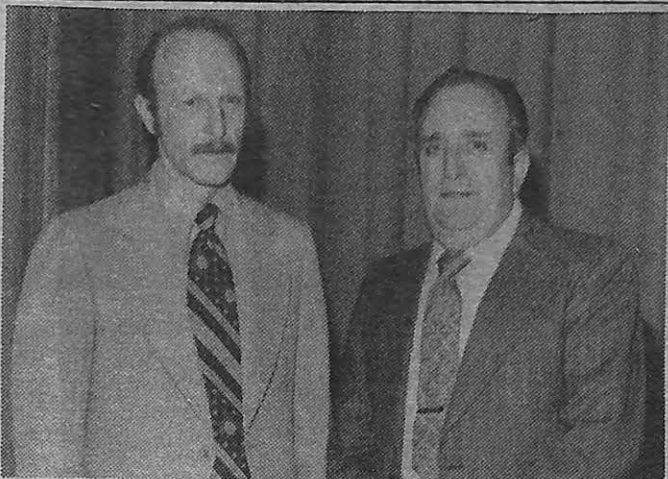


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GOLDEN AGERS MEETING

The next meeting of the Agawam Golden Agers will be on Wednesday, February 22, 1978, at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor. The dual program, which begins at 1:30 P.M., will consist of a booksale and gift bingo. Refreshments will be served.

CARD PARTIES

The Community Grange of Agawam sponsors public card parties every Thursday evening at 8:00. Progressive whist is played with many prizes available. Refreshments are served after the game. All card players are welcome. The Grange Home is located on North Westfield Street, Agawam.

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Works by Picasso, Chagall, Miro, Matisse, and Dali will be among those featured in an art auction to be held Saturday, March 11th, at the Baystate West Community Room, Springfield. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, proceeds from the auction will benefit the Club's scholarship and general philanthropy funds. Marlin Art, Inc. will furnish the art which will include original signed lithographs, paintings, etchings, engravings, and sculpture. Works may be viewed at a preview to be held at 8 PM with the bidding slated to begin at 9 and the public is most cordially invited to attend.

AIC Dean's List

Springfield, Mass. Three area residents have achieved dean's list status in the Evening College Division of American International College, Springfield. They are: Beverly Y. Pride of (47 Sheri Lane) and Carol R. Dana of (67 Riviera Drive), Agawam; and Beth Iapp-Patterson of (48 Amherst Avenue), Feeding Hills, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE APPROVES TENURE FOR AGAWAM MAN

The Springfield College Board of Trustees has approved the achievement of tenure for James F. McTaggart, 239 Regency Park Dr., Agawam, of the SC teaching faculty according to SC Academic Dean, Dr. Paul U. Congdon. The appointment becomes effective September 1, 1978.

McTaggart, Assistant Professor of Community Leadership and Development received a B.A. degree from St. Anthony College in 1961, and an M.A. degree from Capuchin Theological Seminary in 1964. He was awarded an M.S.W. degree from Catholic University of America in 1972. He joined the Springfield Faculty in 1973.

Senior Citizen News

The Agawam Senior Center plans a new trip March 14, Tuesday. We will see the museum, the flower exhibition and green house at the Mt. Holyoke College, then, like last year, go to the "Riverboat." After the big meal, we will drive to the Enfield Mall and give you a chance to walk off all those extra calories. Price: \$12.00.

We are planning a new class on Wednesday mornings: Tole Painting/and/or Macrame. Mrs. Gail Loncto will be our teacher. Please sign up as quickly as possible. Both classes will be limited to 6 in the beginning. Whichever class is signed up first will be the class we are starting with. Six weeks later we will start with the second class.

Please watch every week for our little news column!

The next hypertension clinic will be Tuesday, February 21. We will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20, Washington's Birthday.

Boy Scouts Hold Flower Drive

The Scouts of Troop 77 are holding an Easter Flower drive. This drive is their only fund raising activity of the year. Scouts are selling Lillies, Tulips, Azaleas, and Hyacinths. Prices range from \$4.35 to \$5.35. Anyone not contacted by a scout but wishing to purchase flowers should call Paula Antico at 789-0108, Judith Paul at 789-0115, or Richard Atkinson at 789-0965.

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Visiting your dentist is the key to learning about good dental health care and Massachusetts Dental Health Month Honorary Chairman Ronald McDonald is reminding residents of the Commonwealth to do just that in February! Massachusetts Dental Society Dental Health Month Chairman Dr. Michael Sheff shows Ronald how the x-rays of his teeth have turned out with assistance from Registered Dental Hygienist Linda Rawding. Ronald's lucky. He has no cavities because he learned good dental care and has regular checkups. Support Dental Health Month by seeing your dentist for more information on dental care.

Agawam Repertory Theatre



In a scene from "Witness for the Prosecution" are Charlotte West of Chicopee and David Lademan of Springfield. The Agawam Repertory Theatre production is scheduled for March 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12 at the Yankee Pedlar Opera House, Holyoke.

The Agawam Repertory Theatre will present an adaptation of "Witness for the Prosecution" by Agatha Christie on March 3, 4, 10, 11, and 12 at the Yankee Pedlar Opera House in Holyoke.

The drama contains all the mystery and puzzling elements usually found in Miss Christie's plays. Amateur detectives and lawyers alike will enjoy trying to solve the case, and will have an opportunity to test their skill when all the loose ends are finally tied together.

A large cast and varied roles provide opportunities for beginners as well as seasoned actors to perform. Roger Talbot of Chicopee plays Leonard Vole, a young man on trial for murder. His wife, Romaine, is played by Linda Kapinos of Springfield.

The defense attorney Wilfrid Roberts is played by Al Damico of Westfield, and his law partner, John Mayhew, is portrayed by Bill Sanzo of Springfield. Arnold Woods of Chicopee is cast as District Attorney Myers, and Don Jacobs of Longmeadow is cast as the judge.

Others members of the cast include Arnold Berke as Carter, Ruby Crane as the assistant prosecutor, Kathy Ennis as the court stenographer, Al Clarke as Dr. Wyatt, and David Lademan as a police officer, all of Springfield.

Also in the cast are Betty Fanning as Ms. Clegg, Valerye Zerra as the girl, Delores Ennis as the jury foreman, Irene Scanlon as the woman, and Joanne Spaderna as Greta, all of Agawam.

Charlotte West of Chicopee appears as Janet McKenzie, Dany Texeria of Southwick portrays Lt. Hearne, Charles Kelley of Westfield as the clerk of courts and Rick Campbell of Enfield is Officer Randall.

The production is under the direction of Michael Rusk, who teaches acting at The Next Stage, an alternative theatre at the University of Massachusetts. James Shenan, ART president, is serving as producer.

The March 12 performance is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. All other performances have an 8:30 P.M. curtain. Performances will be preceded by a social hour, and a special dinner price at the Yankee Pedlar is available for theatre ticket holders. Reservations are available by calling 732-7169.

COMMUNITY GRANGE TO MEET

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, February 21 at 8:00 in the Grange Home on North West Street, Agawam.

The program and refreshments are in charge of the Youth Committee of the grange with Miss Deborah Baruffaldi as chairperson. Mrs. Barbara Hastings will assist the committee as advisor. This is to be an open meeting and all Grange members are urged to invite friends and neighbors to attend the meeting. A feature of the program will be a demonstration of hypnotism by Mr. Earl Cook of Westfield.

INFANT'S FOOD

There are many opinions about the best way to feed an infant. The booklet "Infants Food," available from the Hampden County Extension Service, answers some of the current questions about infant feeding. Information concerning milk sources and food other than milk is included. Recipes as well as directions are given for making baby food at home.

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Miyako arrived in August of 1977 and has been part of the

Brindle family since that time. She is attending Agawam High School and is very much enjoying the total AFS experience.

The Agawam AFS chapter is in the process of accepting applications and looking for applicants to host a foreign student for one full year and a family to host a domestic program student for three months. We wish to make clear that while many families

Agawam Heart

Fund Dance

Competitions in bubble gum blowing, twist and jitterbug dancing will highlight the 50's flavor of the Agawam Heart Fund Dance, February 24 from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. at the Silver Carriage Inn, Main Street, Agawam. Butch Bolduc will be D.J. for the event. Complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Ticket price is two dollars, all proceeds benefitting the Western Massachusetts Division, American Heart Association. Tickets are available at the Silver Carriage Inn or by calling 786-0265.

The Springfield Tech High classes of 1928 and 1929 will hold their fiftieth reunion at the Mountain Laurel, Route 5, Enfield, Conn., on Saturday, May 13, 1978.

Members of these classes are asked to give their current address and phone number as well as any information they may have relative to any classmate by writing to Dorothy Chisholm Stevens, 71 Mayflower Road, Springfield, Mass. 01118 or dial 413-782-5089.

The committee intends to mail informational detail soon and thus be able to accept reservations and make final arrangements to assure the success of this event.

Retraction

In our last issue, an article by Dan Maruszczak, Jr. about construction of the new Agawam library, Miss Donna Campbell, acting director of the Agawam Public Libraries was credited with stating that "eventually both libraries will be closed once the new facility is in full use." Miss Campbell has notified us that the Agawam Center library WILL NOT close when the new library facility is opened.

We apologize to Miss Campbell and anyone else who might have been inconvenienced by this error.

participating in the AFS program include children who are high school students, any family is eligible to serve as a host. The main requirement for any family is the parents' concern for or an interest in young people. Additional information on hosting a student may be had by contacting Mrs. Brindle or Mrs. Janet Clark, chapter president.

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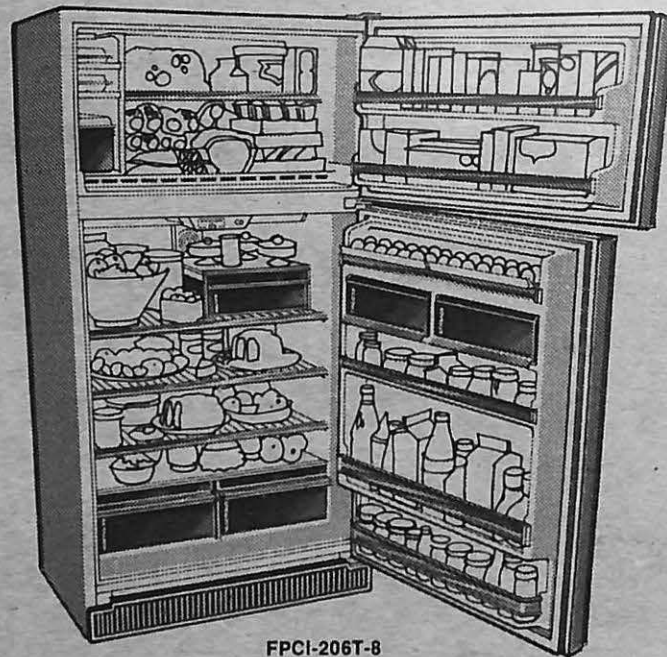
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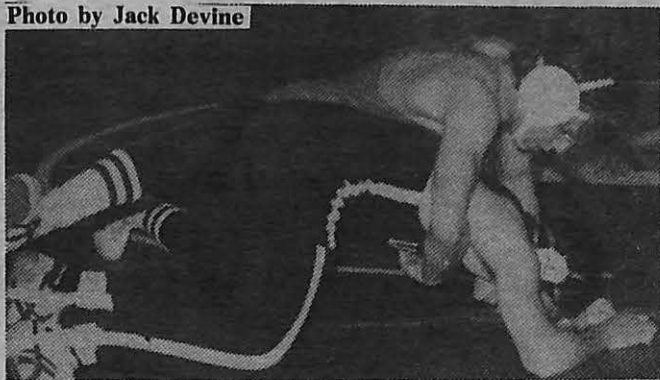
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Sports

Agawam Wrestlers Fall to Tech: Championship Hopes Dampen

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Gary Gelger of Agawam takes down Gary Woldron of Ludlow in recent match. Agawam won 58-6.

The Agawam Wrestling Team fought gallantly to the finish this year, but to their disappointment lost a crucial match to Tech High Saturday, fading their championship hopes. Spectators sat on the edge of their seats as the final match came about. In the final battle of the meet, Al Dawson pinned Agawam Brownie Tony Pezzimenti to give Tech the six point edge to win by a score of 30-24.

In the 100-pound class, Bob Schwein pulled out a pin over Mark Taylor of Tech with less than a minute left in the match. Tom Munley came through with a three point decision over Tech's Craig Coffey.

The Brownie's Bob Stone brought four more points to the Agawam side as he defeated Billy Smith in a 10-2 victory, which set off the Agawam team to add up more

points. Jerry Mason followed with a 9-3 decision over en Heatley.

In a close match in the 147 lb. class, Tech's Gerry Victory finally pinned Dan Guthrie after a long struggle by both wrestlers. This Tech win narrowed the Brownie's lead to 22-15.

But, the worst was still to come for the Agawam team. The team's luck didn't hold up for the following few matches left in the meet as Tech's Dwayne Dawson won a 8-4 decision over John Morassi. At 169 lbs. the Brownie's Joe pezzimenti and Tech's Delno Clarke wrestled to a 9-9 tie. That draw brought the score to 24-20, still in Agawam's favor.

However, the Tigers took the remaining two matches to go ahead to win the meet. In the 188 lb. class, Dave Vallina won an 8-4 decision over Agawam's Sal Morassi. In the final battle, heavyweights

Hopes Dampen

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Al Dawson of Tech, and Tony Pezzimenti squared off in a match which showed Dawson pinning Pezzimenti for the decisive six points to give the Tigers a 30-24 victory over Agawam.

The Brownies finished up the season with an excellent 11-2 record for 1978, under the superb coaching of Mr. Phil Tomkiel. The two losses were suffered to Tech and Cathedral, which are all championship hopefuls.

If Agawam is to qualify for the finals, make-up matches would have to be played between Tech and Cathedral, which would probably be the most important match of the 1978 wrestling season.

The loss to Tech does not disqualify Agawam from the championship, since Tech, Cathedral, as well as Agawam are still prime contenders for the Western Mass crown.

Coach Conte Named AIC Basket Baseball Coach

Mr. Lou Conte, a physical education and health instructor at Agawam High School, has been named as the new baseball coach at American International College. Conte will assist Richard Bedard this upcoming season in managing the baseball team, according to Mr. Milt Piepul, the director of athletics at AIC.

Conte, a 1975 graduate of Ithica College, will replace David Creighton, presently coaching at Bridgewater High School.

Conte, who has been in the school system for about 3 years, has been playing Tri-County Baseball for 7 years and has competed in the Cape Cod League in 1974. Conte was also a member of an NCA Championship team at Ithica College.

Coach Conte had previously been assisting in varsity and freshman sporting programs.

Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

A Connecticut River salmon strain has been started with the capture of two salmon this past year and the rearing of the eggs obtained from the female. We are finally making headway with the restoration of salmon in the Connecticut River. It is going to become a reality before the year 2,000. Already fishways are being planned for the Turners Falls Dam and Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant.

Vermont Nuclear Power Plant will have a dual role. It will create electric power and is planning a 1.5 million dollar aquaculture research laboratory. It is great! Instead of fighting the conservationist, it will use it's finances to further the establishment of a salmon fishery in the Connecticut River.

An estimated 25,000 Atlantic salmon smolts would be ready for stocking into the river each spring, beginning in 1980. Initially these would have to be trucked downstream to sites below the present ladderless dams. The fish would return to the river as adults starting in 1982.

Once the smolts are released each spring, the laboratory will be converted to aquaculture research on warmer water fish (brook trout, yellow perch, striped bass) for the summer months when water temperatures would be too high for salmon. University scientists will use data from the program to design a full-scale commercial aquaculture facility and develop computer models to forecast the economic feasibility of such a venture.

Operation costs of the laboratory are estimated at \$92,000 a year.

COMPOUND FACTS

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The State of New Jersey took the bull by the horns and documented the deer kills. Bob McDowell of the Department of Environmental Protection made the following statement: "In our state, the compound bow has not increased the rate of bowhunter success. In the years prior to the use of the compound, I.E., 1960 through 1968, New Jersey bowhunter success was 5%. In the years since the compound was made legal, the success rate has not changed. In 1976, 36,400 bowhunters harvested 1,960 deer for a success ratio of 5.3%. 44% of these deer were taken with the compound. With this rate of compound use reflected in the harvest, certainly the success ratio would have increased if the compound made bowhunting easier. I know of no state that has any data that shows increase in bowhunting success which can be attributed to the compound bow. It is my opinion that the compound bow makes the good bowhunter a more effective hunter in terms of delivering a more deadly and powerful show to the animal but, it does not make the hunter. In our state over 80% of the bowhunters also firearm hunt."

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The Agawam Hockey Association held a Dinner Dance on February 11 at St. John's Hall. Members of the dance committee pictured (left to right) are: Len Brusco, Ways & Means Chairman of AHA; Peg Benoit, Richard Benoit, president of AHA and Jerry Sibilia, past president of AHA.

Conservation Program

All Agawam students are invited to attend a conservation program to be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Friday afternoon, February 24th. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, conservation fair exhibits will be on display from 1 to 3, with the film "What Is Conservation?" shown at 2.

Figure Skating Lessons

Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will offer a second session of Figure Skating lessons at the Springfield Olympia Rink in West Springfield for five weeks beginning Saturday, February 25 through March 25. Class will be held at 5:30 P.M. All interested people must pre register at the Parks Office. Instruction is given by the Springfield Skating Club. A fee of \$5 is charged. Further information on any recreational activities may be received by contacting the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Hockey Association Raffle Winners

Winners of the Agawam Hockey Association raffle drawn at their recent dinner dance are: first prize, S.F. Osowski of Northampton; Jim Gosselin, Springfield, second prize; and J.M. Spallacy, Feeding Hills, third prize. Proceeds of the raffle are used to defray the cost of the Association's trip to Canada in April.

SCHOOLBOY HOCKEY SCORING STATS
Fay Division

	G	A	Pts.
Jandzinski, East.	25	8	33
G. Houle, Comp.	25	8	33
Kennedy, East.	6	24	30
Costa, Lud.	14	15	29
Harachiewicz, Lud.	16	12	28
Dow, Aga.	21	5	24
Yacavone, Aga.	13	13	26
Salamon, Comp.	11	15	26
Vanasse, Aga.	16	8	24

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In honor of February Heart Month, the Springfield Indians and the Western Mass. Heart Association offer Indians fans the chance to do the town with the indian player of their choice and his wife.

The special evening will include free dinner for four at Storowtown Tavern, West Springfield, and complimentary tickets to that evening's performance at Stage West. Beginning February 11, Indian wives will staff booths

at all home games offering chances at \$.50 each for the night on the town.

The winning entry will be drawn by Indian Captain Andre Peloffy and Heart Chairperson Ann Corio at the February 25 home game. At the March 3 home game, the winner will choose the Indian player for the night on the town.

All proceeds will benefit the research, educational and community service programs of the Western Mass. Division, American Heart Assoc.



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Girls from Gino's Liquor and N.E. Tire get ready for jump back in recent game of Agawam Athletic Association 10-12 league.

Junior Band Goes to North Adams

by Steve Berard

The Agawam Junior High School Jazz Band led by conductor David Baldock travelled to North Adams last Wednesday for the Jazz Band Educator's Jazz Festival held at Drury High School. The group performed in the C division along with Mt. Greylock High School and a Belchertown combo. The bands were divided according to size and age. Special citations were awarded for musicianship to three Agawam Jazz Band members. They were, drummer-Bob Drewes, saxophone player-Scott Mackin and trumpetter-Elaine Racicot. More competition and trips are scheduled for the band in the coming months.

Divorce Crisis Center to Feature "Coping"

Mrs. Isabel K. McNeil, Director of Professional Services at Child and Family Service of Springfield, Inc. will be the featured speaker at the Divorce Crisis Center sponsored by the agency on Monday evening, February 27, 1978. The agency is located at 367 Pine Street in Springfield.

Mrs. McNeil will share with us her years of experience in counseling those who are thinking about divorce, are in process of divorcing or who have become divorced and are now trying to adjust to the new life style. She will discuss the question of how one goes about coping with their emotions and the stresses as experienced by both partners and the children in the divorce process.

Mrs. McNeil has her Masters degree in Social Science from Smith College School for Social Work. Her experience

includes medical social work, foster home and family casework, casework supervision and since 1968, Director of Professional Services at Child and Family Service where she also sees clients in counseling. She teaches Social Work Theory and Practice at Western New England College and serves on the school's Social Work Advisory Council.

The Divorce Crisis Center meets every Monday evening 7:30-9:30 P.M. except legal holidays. Admission is free and all are welcome. Once a month guest speakers address special divorce concerns such as legal aspects, religious implications, financial adjustments, etc.

Two trained professional social workers from Child and Family Service staff lead the group discussions. Individual and family counseling services are also available at the agency.

Agawam Gets O.K. For Renovation

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam High School Committee approved the renovation and expansion of the high school at a meeting last week. The decision came after a four week period of debate which ended with a 5-2 vote in favor of the improvements.

The High School Building Committee has already begun to draw up plans for the new additions. James Coon, director of business for the School Department, and Alfred P. Casella, architect for the project, have drafted the main plans and specifications in accordance with the needs of the high school department heads. The Building Committee gave the go-ahead for the drafting of plans after rejecting two previous proposals, which did not meet the requirements and specifications of the committee.

The project is expected to include improvements for gym and art facilities, with a new dining area for the faculty of the high school. Also expected to be included is a new library facility and a student activity area. Added onto the project will be a larger gym that will be capable of being divided into two parts.

The presently unoccupied land behind the high school will be used for five new tennis courts, a soccer field, and a space which the sports field will occupy, approximately ten acres of land will have to be cleared in the rear of the high school.

Ernest J. Cannava, Superintendent of Agawam Schools, stated that he hoped construction of the facilities will begin before June 30, 1978, so that the town will be able to take advantage of money allocations in this year's state budget.

Mrs. Jessie Fuller, who was dissatisfied with the specifications at the previous two meetings, approved of the new plans and improvements at the third meeting.

"I approved of the fact that we were able to go over this in detail last week. We've made four of five important changes, and I can accept this now", she commented.

The estimated cost of the renovation is approximately \$2.5 million.



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Swim Team Season Finishes

by Steve Berard

The Agawam High School boys C-division swim team finished up the season with a pretty good record of 6 wins and 8 losses. They defeated Westfield in their last meet of the year, at Agawam Junior High School, by a close score of 85-84. Westfield did, however have a few injuries which hurt them, but Agawam gave an excellent team effort, especially in the diving competition, one of their weaker points, where Frank Mastromattio and Joe Bercier showed their fine diving abilities. Dave Smith, Agawam's coach, had a relatively young team this year with only one senior, Jeff Richardson. So there are high hopes for next season with swimmers like junior, Mario Iacolo and sophomore Dave Gilbert, these two will definitely be assets for the team next year. Agawam's 6-8 record is the best so far since the swim program was formed in 1970.

AREA DIETERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A LOSE-A-THON

Area dieters will participate in a LOSE-A-THON to help reduce the ever increasing animal population growth.

The theme of this affair is "Conservation"—conservation of foodstuff by all the participants. Sponsors of the program will help in the reduction of the canine population.


The Massachusetts SPCA will be given the profits of this LOSE-A-THON for its canine sterilization program to help decrease the number of unwanted dogs.

Within all areas of the Western Mass. Diet Workshop, the weeks of February 6th through March 31st, participating Diet Workshop members will take pledge cards to friends and relatives to obtain a pledge for each pound lost during this eight week period.

A LOSE-A-THON, the Dieters version of the Walk-A-Thon or the Bike-A-Thon, is the one event that turns loss into gain.

The final event of the LOSE-A-THON will take place Friday, April 7th, at the Sheraton West on Route 5 in West Springfield with a before and after show comprised of successful area Diet Workshop members. A complete Diet Workshop meal will be served to those in attendance. It promises to be a very inspiring evening. For more information, call 562-5020.

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U.S. Navy Bobsled Team Visits Agawam High School

More than sixty Agawam High School students were given a real treat today when the U.S. Navy bobsled team visited Agawam High School to talk to the students and showed them a movie entitled **Blue on Ice**, showing the students the "Hows and Wheres" of bobsledding as performed by this winning team.

Mr. David Skolnick, military liaison at the high school in conjunction with Petty Officer Dave Walker, U.S. Navy recruiter for our area, were

responsible for bringing this fine bobsled team to Agawam High School.

Agawam High School was the ONLY high school the U.S. Navy bobsled team visited while in this area... a great tribute to Agawam High School.

Team members told the group the bobsled goes as fast as 98 miles per hour and "one mistake and it could be 'good-bye' for the team. They only wear plastic helmets and elbow pads for protection.



photo by "Flash" Dolan

Over 30 Basketball..L to R: Jack Luttrell, George Noonan, Jack Ferioli, Jim Grady, Dan Green, John Fraska, and Bob Carter.

The Village Lounge and Dan Green's squared off in a recent Sunday morning clash. In a physical, but clean game, the Village Lounge rolled out to a big lead at half-time. The Dan Greens, utilizing a full court press brought the game back to even, only to lose it in the final moments by a single point.



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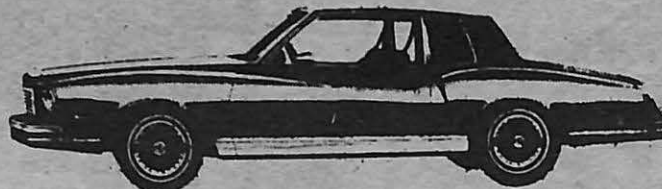
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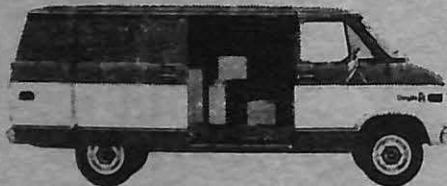
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Polish American Club Bingo Committee



Members of the Polish American Club Bingo Committee are from left: Phil Fini, Jack Liptak, Nobby Adamski, John Poshkowski, Fred Lawson.

Agawam Parks and Recreation School Vacation Week Programs

Snow Sculpturing Contest - Thursday, February 23rd, Shea's Field (off Maynard St.), begins at 9:00 A.M. Judging begins at 2:00 P.M. (Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd). Three Divisions: Most Original Idea, Best Group Sculpture, Biggest Snow Man. Weather Permitting.
Ice Skating Daily - 2 rinks, 1 for hockey, 1 for skating only (supervised). Shea's Field. Weather permitting.
Swimming - The Junior High Swimming Pool will be open for Youth Swims on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. No charge - Lifeguards will be on duty.

School Lunch Menus

Menus for the week of February 27 - March 3

Mon., Feb. 27 - Pizza w/cheese topping, buttered green beans, ½ peanut butter sand. for seconds, chilled bartlett pears in syrup, milk.
Tues., Feb. 28 - Hamburg & gravy on whipped potatoes, sweet peas, whole wheat bread & butter, peach crisp, milk.
Wed., March 1 - Orange juice, lasagna with cheese & tomato sauce, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and French dressing, buttered Italian bread, dessert, milk.
Thurs., March 2 - Turkey vegetable soup, turkey sandwich on roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, cranberry sauce garnish, fresh carrot sticks, chocolate brownie, milk.
Fri., March 3 - Chilled fruit juice, meatball grinder with tomato sauce, sweet niblet corn, butter pecan pudding with whipped topping, milk.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU

Menus for the week of February 20 -24

Mon., Feb. 20 - Washington's Birthday - Closed
Tues., Feb. 21 - Lasagna, lettuce, apple pie
Wed., Feb. 22 - Meat loaf, squash, potatoe crinkles, fresh fruit.
Thurs., Feb. 23 - Chicken Fricassee in patty shells, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp.
Fri., Feb. 24 - Scallops in cream sauce, rice, green beans, pears.

Menus for the week of February 27 - March 3

Mon., Feb. 27 - Sweet potatoes, knockwurst, sauerkraut, cake.
Tues., Feb. 28 - Hamburg patties, creamed potatoes, carrots/peas, jello with vanilla sauce.
Wed., March 1 - Beef stew, baked potatoes, lettuce, fruit.
Thurs., March 2 - Baked chicken, noodles, creamed spinach, cookies.
Fri., March 3 - Fish in celery sauce, whipped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, peaches.

Menu subject to change without notice.

Adult Day Car Center Planned

The Agawam Senior Center plans to open an adult day care center. This will be primarily a social program for elderly who need supervision during the day. It is intended to benefit the lonely senior as well as those families who are solely responsible for the care of a mentally or physically handicapped elderly person. The Center can provide a safe, stimulating environment, supervision, activities and rest periods. Two snacks and a wholesome, balanced hot lunch will be served. Participants can stay in the program as long as they choose. Hours will be flexible to suit the needs of the individual. The Center is open from 9-4, five days a week. If you have a friend or family member who could profit from this service, or if you would like additional information, please call Mrs. Taeger at the Agawam Senior Center, 786-8451.

Agawam Charter Commission Schedule

The Agawam Charter Commission has scheduled the following meetings with various appointed and elected officials of the town, together with various employees and groups in the town. Unless otherwise noted the meetings will be at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright St. each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

The Schedule

Feb. 22 - Town Committees (appointed)
Mar. 1 - Board of Appeal and Planning Board
Mar. 8 - Meeting of Charter Commission
Mar. 15 - School Committee and Superintendent
Mar. 22 - Town Employees including Nurses and Custodians
Mar. 27 (Mon.) - Town Council
Mar. 29 - Meeting of the Charter Commission
April 5 - Former Elected Officials

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